

**MINUTES**  
**Crested Butte Town Council**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**December 5, 2011**  
**Council Chambers, Crested Butte Town Hall**

Mayor Aaron Huckstep called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Councilmembers present: Jim Schmidt, John Wirsing, Glenn Michel, Shaun Matusiewicz, Roland Mason and David Owen. Staff Present: Town Manager Susan Parker, Town Attorney John Belkin, Town Clerk Eileen Hughes, Building and Zoning Director Bob Gillie (for part of meeting) and Public Works Director Rodney Due (for part of meeting).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Owen moved and Schmidt seconded to approve the agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A) Approval of Minutes of November 21, 2011 Special Council Meeting
- B) Approval of Minutes of November 21, 2011 Regular Council Meeting.

Town Clerk Eileen Hughes requested that Item "B" be removed from the Consent Agenda to New Business so revisions may be made to the minutes.

Wirsing moved and Matusiewicz seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended to remove approval of the minutes of the November 21, 2011 Regular Council Meeting. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Waste Management (WM) representative Aaron Diaz introduced himself to the Council and said he trusted that all was going well with the services provided by WM. Diaz said WM is just getting data in for its "diversion report" and he will email the report to the Town Manager. Diaz said WM is also working with the Town on a new contract and has made a few revisions to the draft contract. Council said it appreciated WM's notices in the newspaper about delays in trash pick-up and asked WM to also contact the Town about delays so the Town can send out e-alerts.

Mt. Crested Butte Mayor William Buck invited the Council to schedule a joint meeting with the Mt. Crested Butte Town Council in early February. Buck also asked Council for thoughts about jointly hosting an open house with the Mt. Crested Butte Town Council at 5-6 p.m. on Wednesday night (either a first or third Wednesday of the month) alternating between towns every month. Several council members voiced support for the joint meeting as well as the open house meetings. A councilmember pointed out that concerns were expressed that "Coffee with the Council" meetings were essentially lobbying times for constituents. A councilmember said he works on Wednesday evenings and hoped the open house times and days could be rotated. Another councilmember requested an agenda be developed for the joint work session with Mt. Crested Butte.

**STAFF UPDATES**

Rodney Due:

- The Town received approval for a low interest loan for the water storage tank expansion project.
- Public Works has hired two experienced night shift snow plow operators.

Bob Gillie:

- An RFP is out for a consultant for specification development and oversight of the Historic Depot Renovation Project.
- The ice rink project is moving along and the dedication is scheduled for December 21. Council asked about plans for painting a mural on the wall near the ice rink. Town Manager Susan Parker responded that the project is not a high priority at this time.

Eileen Hughes:

- Reported that she plans to order I-pads (tablets) for the Council soon and noted that funding is included in the 2012 budget. She asked Council if the windows operating system is acceptable and noted that one council member told her he preferred a Mac system.
- Asked Council if they all planned to attend the December 19 meeting so she could schedule a Council photo at that time. Council said they all planned to attend the meeting.

Susan Parker:

- The mayor did a good job at the Gunnison Valley Leadership conference.
- Has a tentative consultant for a Council retreat sometime between January 10-14, 2012.
- Plans to take some vacation time towards the end of the year.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A) Ordinance No. 24, Series 2011 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6-2 Of The Crested Butte Municipal Code Providing For A Temporary Reduction To Certain Portion Of The Business And Occupation Licensing Tax For The Fiscal And Calendar Year Of 2012; And Providing For The Automatic Repeal Thereof Effective On The First Day Of January 2013.

Mayor Huckstep read the title of the Ordinance. Parker explained that the Town temporarily adjusts the Business Licensing and Occupational Tax (BOLT) every year. Mayor Huckstep opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Huckstep closed the public hearing.

Schmidt moved and Wirsing seconded to approve ordinance No. 24, Series 2011. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

B) Special Event Permit – Big Air on Elk, LLC – Big Air on Elk – March 10, 2012 on Elk Avenue.

Big Air on Elk organizer Gabe Martin said the event went well last winter and creates a lot of publicity for Crested Butte. Martin said event preparation entails pushing snow from the snow banks on Elk Avenue into the street and he's concerned about snow banks being removed prior to the event. Martin asked the Town not to remove the snow banks for three weeks prior to the event.

Public works Director Rodney Due noted that the Town's snow plan was changed this year and under the new plan night-time seasonal snow plow operators will regularly remove snow from the snow storage lot near the Fire Hall and behind the former Long Dragon restaurant. Due asked Council for direction on preparing for the Big Air on Elk event as well as the Alley Loop Race. Due said getting snow to Elk Avenue for the events could be a problem depending on whether or not it's a big snow year.

Martin said it's not "green" to transport snow to the gravel pit and then have to haul it back to Elk Avenue.

Council asked Martin if he had a plan "B" if town crews are too busy to help make his event happen. Martin responded that he would "reach out" to local contractors for assistance.

The majority of the Council voiced support for varying from the snow plan to allow snow to build up in the snow storage lots to accommodate the needs of the Big Air event. Several council members also indicated support for letting the snow banks build up on Elk Avenue prior to the event. One council member said it's important for the Town to stick to its newly adopted snow plan. Another council member said the snow banks should not be allowed to build up. Another Council member said he supports the event, but thinks it should be held a week earlier when there is less chance of a snow melt. One of the organizers of the Big Air event, Corey Tibljas, said the event is timed to coincide with spring break and a week before that many college students have mid-term exams.

Peter Maxwell, who owns Maxwell's restaurant on Elk Avenue, said he has cut-outs made in the snow banks so customers can easily access his business. He said he prefers cuts-outs rather than removal of the snow banks. Maxwell offered to donate \$1,000 to the Town for snow removal or snow placement for the Big Air event.

Schmidt moved and Wirsing seconded to approve the "Big Air On Elk" special event application for March 10, 2012 contingent upon proper proof of insurance being provided to the Town prior to the event and the applicant working with Town staff as needed on safety and logistical details. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A) Crested Butte Mountain Resort Request for \$3,000 for Crested Butte Songwriter Festival.

Town Manager Susan Parker said there's \$12,500 in the Council's 2012 Venture Fund. Parker said one of the purposes of the Venture Fund is to provide support for inaugural events such as the Songwriter Festival.

Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR) representative Jon Watters estimated that BMI Music will spend about \$15,000 for the event. Watters provided details about the event and responded to Council questions. Councilmembers proposed different levels of funding ranging from \$2,000 to the full funding request of \$3,000. Council noted most of the event will be held in Town and it's a new event that's appropriate for the Town to support.

Schmidt moved and Wirsing seconded to fund \$2,500 out of the 2012 Venture Fund for the BMI Music Inaugural Crested Butte Songwriter Festival. Crested Butte Mountain Resort should follow up with a report to the Council about the event. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

C) Downtown Crested Butte Lodging Association Request for Funding from 2012 Venture Fund.

Downtown Crested Butte Lodging Association (DCBLA) representative Mike Nolan noted statistical data about the progress of the DCBLA was included in the Council's packet. Nolan said it's significant that the DCBLA website now comes up on the first page of a Google search for lodging or hotels in Crested Butte.

Nolan said the DCBLA is requesting a matching grant to help the organization conduct a direct marketing campaign targeting Colorado's Front Range. Specifically, Nolan said the DCBLA plans to place ads at OnTheSnow.com and Denver's 5280 magazine. Nolan said no other organizations are specifically marketing downtown Crested Butte and his organization is focusing primarily on the winter season.

Purple Mountain Bed and Breakfast owner Chris Haver said the DCBLA's website informs people about the option of staying in downtown Crested Butte. Councilmember John Wirsing, who serves as the Town's representative on the DCBLA, said he's impressed with the organization and the role it's played creating exposure for the town.

Schmidt moved and Wirsing seconded to approve \$4,000 from 2012 Council Venture Fund for the Downtown Crested Butte Lodging Association. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

Council took a five minute break.

#### D) Off-site signage Follow-up.

Mayor Huckstep noted the staff report on off-site signage dated November 30, 2011 from Design Review Coordinator Molly Minneman. Huckstep said there's a lot of information on the topic and suggested the item be discussed at a future work session. Council asked staff if a work session near the end of February is sufficient time for an ordinance to be approved so businesses could have new signs made and installed before the summer season. Staff said the proposed time frame would work. A councilmember said the recommendations in the staff report were good. Another councilmember said he has issues with the staff recommendations and said something simple is being made more complex than necessary.

Town Manager Susan Parker recommended that councilmembers contact Minneman if they have any questions on off-site signage.

Council agreed to schedule a work session on off-site signage in late February and to get any questions to Design Review Coordinator Molly Minneman prior to the work session.

#### E) Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2011 Regular Council Meeting (item removed from Consent Agenda).

Town Clerk Eileen Hughes explained that the minutes were revised on page five to also include the re-appointment of council members to their positions on various boards and committees.

Schmidt moved and Mason seconded to approve the minutes as amended. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### A) Re-Consideration of Service Grant Request From Yoga for the Peaceful/Yoga World Reach.

Mayor Huckstep noted that Monica Mesa, of Yoga for the Peaceful, provided Council with an updated budget for the Yoga Rocks The Butte event. Mesa reviewed anticipated revenues from the event and said a new event usually operates in the "red" the first year, breaks even the second year and makes a profit the third year. Mesa said 2012 revenues are based on 200 participants. Mesa said the event will attract a new "demographic" to Crested Butte. Council questioned some of the line items in the budget, such as expenses for radios and taxes. Mesa said funds from the Town will be used for marketing the event.

Several councilmembers expressed concern about the budget presented, as well as the fact that the bulk of the event will not occur in town. A few councilmembers said they supported funding the event at a lower level and one councilmember said he was not impressed with the proposal. Council said it would be beneficial to see results after the event.

Owen moved and Matusiewicz seconded to approve \$1,500 from the 2012 Council Venture Fund for Yoga for the Peaceful. A roll call vote was taken with Mason, Owen, Matusiewicz, Huckstep, Wirsing and Schmidt voting "Yes" and Michel voting "No." **Motion passed 6-1.**

**B) Update on Solar Array and Power Purchase Agreement with Martifer/RSB.**

Mayor Huckstep noted the staff report dated December 5, 2011 from Building and Zoning Director Bob Gillie stating that the proposed project is not feasible at this time. Gillie said he will follow-up with representatives of Gunnison County Electric Association to discuss ways that the Town can be in a better position to approach sustainability projects in the future.

**C) Approval of 2012 Council Meeting Calendar.**

Mayor Huckstep said Council needs to decide if it wants to continue to hold its regular meetings on Mondays or Tuesdays. Huckstep noted correspondence received from Crested Butte News Editor Mark Reaman on the topic. Mayor Huckstep also reviewed pro and con reasons discussed at the December 5, 2011 Council meeting about holding the meetings on either a Monday or Tuesday. Two councilmembers said they would like to keep the meetings on Monday nights.

Owen moved and Matusiewicz seconded to approve the 2012 Regular Council meeting schedule as presented. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

**D) Resolution No. 13, Series 2011 – A Resolution Adopting Town Council Rules of Procedure.**

Council indicated support for the amendments to the Rules of Procedure as discussed at the December 5, 2011 meeting.

Matusiewicz moved and Schmidt seconded to approve Resolution No. 13, Series 2011. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

**LEGAL MATTERS**

Town Attorney John Belkin:

- Worked on a memo to Council regarding Franchise Agreements and Utility Use of Municipal Right of Way.
- Worked on the Depot contract.
- Worked with the Town Manager on the Waste Management Trash and Recycling Contract.
- He has been making phone calls looking for recommendations for lawyers specializing in water issues to replace the Town's consulting attorney on water matters, Jay Cope, who passed away recently.

**COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

David Owen:

- Attended a Gunnison County Housing Authority Advisory Board meeting. There is not enough interest in the Mutual Self-help Build Program in Gunnison County. The Housing Authority Director was able to transfer the County's grant eligibility to Alamosa, thus Gunnison County will be retained in the program in 2013. The USDA Rural Development program is funding a housing loan program for lower income people.

Roland Mason:

- Attended a Mt. Express Board meeting this morning. So far more than 200 riders have taken advantage of the new Snodgrass trailhead bus route.

Sean Matuszewicz:

- He spoke with several of the owners of medical marijuana dispensaries in town.

John Wirsing:

- Attended a Chamber of Commerce work session regarding reorganization of the Chamber. The Chamber will be hiring some part-time help.
- Attended a leadership conference along with Mayor Huckstep and Town Manager Susan Parker.

Jim Schmidt:

- The Gunnison Valley Housing Foundation Board is working on several small land swaps.

Aaron Huckstep:

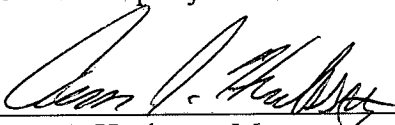
- Noted the Thank You card to the Council from the Crested Butte Film Festival.
- Attended the Gunnison Valley Leadership Foundation conference along with John Wirsing and Susan Parker
- A randonee ski race will be held this Saturday at Irwin.
- Registration for the Elk Mountains Grand Traverse Race is already filled.

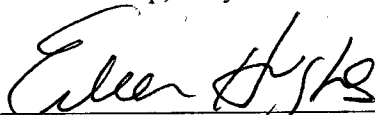
#### **OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

Council briefly discussed a few changes to committee appointments made at the December 5, 2011 meeting.

Schmidt moved and Matuszewicz seconded to replace Glenn Michel with David Owen on the Region 10 Board and replace David Owen with Glenn Michel on the Mt. Express Board. David Owen is replaced with Roland Mason as alternate to the Office for Resource Efficiency Board. A roll call vote was taken with all voting "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Huckstep adjourned the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

  
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Aaron J. Huckstep, Mayor

  
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Eileen Hughes, Town Clerk

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